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BOTH TOGETHER.

It took Senator Hedges nineteen days to evolve the scheme of compelling the democratic senators to attend the daily meeting of the eight who are no more the senate than if they were two. Mr. Hedges is now quite ready to regard the territorial laws as in force, but he would not recognize the law which makes the county clerk's certificate prima facie evidence of membership in the house.—Great Falls Tribune.

We do not understand that Senator Hedges claims credit for the scheme. Col. Warhorse Sanders is its father and he put it forth partly to divert the minds of the weary senators and in part to see if he couldn't entrap some of the democratic senators elect into organizing the senate. They wouldn't be snared, however. Whenever they do decide to go to the senate chamber and take the oath of office it will be as free agents and not on compulsion. They stand ready to go on a moment's notice whenever the republican representatives elect will agree to join with the democratic representatives, thus completing the membership of the house. The democratic representatives have made the way plain and easy for the adjustment of the entire difficulty by inviting the republican members-elect to join them in sending a committee composed of equal numbers of republicans and democrats to investigate the election at precinct 34. This proposition has been rejected for technical reasons assigned by the republican members-elect. These objections could be removed by the republicans taking the seats awaiting them at the court house and assisting in forming a committee clothed with full power to make an investigation.

Such action on the part of the republican members elect would end the deadlock where it began. It would be instantly followed by the appearance of the democratic senators-elect in their seats and the legislature in both branches would be in full working order. If the republican senators, who themselves have declined an invitation of the democratic senators-elect to make an investigation, on the ground that the house was the proper body to make the inquiry, would use their influence in bringing about such a condition of things in the other branch of the legislature they could show themselves to be patriotic citizens. Perhaps it was with such action in mind that the esteemed Herald said yesterday:

There are indications that reason may resume sway in place of passion, and public spirit over narrow partisanship, among at least a portion of those charged with responsibility, and we hope the conservatism and good sense of our people will give the movement support and encouragement.

We hope so. But we again call attention to the fact, and it cannot be disputed, that the qualifying of the democratic senators-elect would settle nothing whatever. The deadlock would still remain as fast as ever so long as the gentlemen elected as representatives formed two separate bodies. Two bodies, each claiming to be the legal house of representatives, clamoring at the door of the senate chamber, with the senate sitting within—eight to eight—unable to decide as to which it would recognize, would not be any improvement on the present situation. Nay, it would make it worse.

No, gentlemen, there can be no peace until the question of the two houses is settled.

When the representatives come to gether the senate will be organized.

Not one without the other.

Both together.

INCREASE THE PENSION ROLL.

The per diem pension bill introduced in the senate on Monday by Mr. Ingalls, by request of the pension committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, would, if enacted, double the expenditures of this government on account of pensions, and that for the benefit of men who cannot properly be placed in the category of dependent persons. The expenditures for pensions during the fiscal year ending June 30 of the present year were \$88,275,113, almost \$8,000,000 in excess of the appropriation. It is a fit question to suggest if the country is ready at this time to assume the proposed additional burden, or if it would not be better to follow, at least approximately, the precedents set in the case of survivors of the revolutionary war, the war of 1812, and the Mexican war to whom service pensions were granted forty-five, fifty-six and thirty-nine years, respectively, while in the case of Mexican war veterans it was stipulated that the beneficiaries should not be less than 62 years of age. It was computed recently that survivors of the army of the union do not average more than 50 years of age. If the increase of the pension list means anything it is that deserving and needy survivors of the civil war are having justice done them as fast as they present their claims. The increase in the number of names on the list between June 30, 1885, and June 30, 1889—all but

three months of which period was during the administration of President Cleveland, which partisan members of the Grand Army falsely represent to have been hostile to the pensioning of union soldiers—was from 345,125 at the date first mentioned to 489,277 at the later date, or nearly one-fourth of the whole. Under the circumstances, and with the assurance that no injustice is being done, there appears no occasion for the enactment of a service pension bill just now, before twenty-five years have passed since the conclusion of the war.

WELL, HARDLY.

Sanders, Hershfield & Co. are threatening that if the democratic senators do not qualify their seats will be declared vacant.

Will they advise such a proceeding? Hardly. If the eight senators are held to have lost their seats for not assembling at the time and place appointed by the governor, by the same token the twenty-five republican representatives elect, who have not assembled in accordance with the same call, have forfeited their seats. The same kind of sauce can be used to taste both sorts of birds. Sanders knows too much to try that. He would get left.

They threaten, if the democratic senators don't come in, to put old Uncle Watson in Senator-elect McNamara's seat so as to give themselves a fraudulent majority. Will they do that? Not a bit of it. Sanders wants to go to the United States senate. That body would never give him his seat if he went there on Uncle Watson's vote. A republican of the name of Abbott once tried to break into the United States senate from North Carolina in that way. He had been defeated, but proved that Vance, who had a majority of the votes cast, was disqualified. The republican majority in the United States senate decided that although Vance was barred by the disqualification Abbott was not elected. Sanders, if sent to the senate by Watson's vote, would run up against a mountain of precedents dead against his claims. He knows that too well to take the chance. No, they'll never break the deadlock with Uncle Watson. It's the old game of bluff.

SOME of the republican senators are laboring under the delusion that they are the senate. There's just where they are mistaken. They are eight very nice gentlemen, who happen to be senators, that's all. There isn't any senate. There's a world of difference between being a senator and being senators. And being a lieutenant-governor isn't even being a senator.

THE Iowa senators have a keen sense of the danger that menaces the republican party in their state and a saving knowledge of the remedy. At Monday's session of the senate bills were introduced providing for the erection of public buildings in Iowa cities at an aggregate cost of \$1,000,000.

THE democrats of Madison county are true metal. Their memorial to the democratic members of the house to be true to the principles for which they are contending and to make no compromise that involves a surrender of right, will meet with approval from good citizens everywhere.

CARTER will not be on the stump claiming credit for everything next year. All his time will be occupied in explaining why he didn't keep his promises.

THE republicans in congress have commenced to fuss with the tariff. Their trouble has only begun.

THERE may be nothing in a name, as Romeo argued, but coincidences occasionally suggest that there is. It is only two years ago that scandal-lovers were regaled with the published matrimonial infidelities of Lord and Lady Colin Campbell, the former a younger brother of the marquis of Lorne, and now the wife of a Colin Campbell who is prominent in social circles at the Canadian capital, has eloped with a young man named O'Connor.

THE American royal family made quite an addition to the attractions offered by a Chicago showman, the other night. A skillful manager might take the combination out "on the road" with profit to himself and pleasure to the aggregation, which may one day equal Hayes as a county fair feature.

THE REPUBLICAN FORCE.

ANACONDA STANDARD: The services of a fortune teller are not required to forecast the plans of the republicans at Helena. They are bent on reaching the end which the conspiracy has had in view from the first, and that is the possession of two senatorial seats in Washington. They have summoned the democratic senators to join them, anticipating a refusal. They doubtless will continue the farce by a session of their own eight senators and a house which the people never elected, and in the end, they will presume to elect two United States senators, trusting that a republican senate in Washington will see the thing through.

This is a very simple plan, and one which the democrats might have adopted days ago, with much more show of propriety, since they tie the senate and have a house with a membership honestly elected by the people. We imagine, however, that this questionable course will never be adopted by the democrats, but that the plan with all its details will be left exclusively to republicans who have nothing except federal sinecures in view and in whose scheme no account is taken either of popular majorities or of the wish and purpose of the people.

It is one of the open secrets of the deadlock that the plan thus briefly outlined would have been carried out days ago but for the fact that Colonel Sanders, who saw the tunnel premet frand born and who has since devotedly nursed its growth, cannot discover how he is to come out of the scrape and be named a winner. If the best evidence in the world is good for anything, the

colonel is whipped, no matter how the deal is put up. He has been the outward and visible sign of the conspiracy since first it was hatched, he has risked everything even to his reputation, and if any reward awaits a republican he ought to have it. But he is hopelessly gone, and every manipulator of republican politics in Montana, except Col. Sanders, knows it.

Clever as he is, carrying more brains and more political instinct under his hat than the rest of the republican outfit all told, the colonel is doomed to repeat his old experience. He can forget more every day than the men ever knew who are after him in the ranks of the republicans; still, it is all up with him and his arc defeat, no matter what the fate of his party in the pending contest, is the one certainty in the situation. We're sorry for it since the colonel ought, under normal conditions, to be his party's first and decisive choice. But his aspirations have settled to the bottom of the thirteen beyond a doubt.

This is the Standard's well authenticated opinion in spite of the fact that the senatorial factions have declared a truce until Monday. The inference is, of course, that this truce means a compromise, and the story runs that the compromise itself is to land the west side democratic candidate and Colonel Sanders in the federal senate. That would be the reasonable outcome of a compromise, but the men surrounding the colonel are not disposed to adjust themselves to reasonable conditions. For that matter, all serious talk of compromise, involving a party division of senatorial honors, must be set aside. That is a deal to which democrats cannot be a party.

WHEN WILL IT END?

The Water Problem Still Under Discussion—A New Scheme.

The water question; that's the question which, next to the legislative deadlock, is uppermost in the minds of everybody in Helena. Mayor Fuller believes that it will be for the city's interest to give the Woolston company a five-year contract. He says the time has now arrived when this matter demands prompt and immediate action. He doubts that the company would accept the contract as amended, and the mayor's doubts are correct, as Mr. A. J. Davidson said yesterday the company could not think of accepting such a contract as the council has fixed up. The important objections to the contract, from the company's view, is that it gives Tom, Dick and Harry the privilege of taking water from the hydrants for street sprinkling or to turn the water loose in the sewers and places the company entirely under police control. "Why," he continued, "don't you know that the city council has the privilege of fixing the rates? In how are the people going to be robbed? We have no fear but that this contract will be properly adjusted and made satisfactory to all. We need some protection. The interest on our bonds alone amounts to \$20,000 a year. We are here to stay, and if there is any water needed than we are now supplying we will furnish it if it is gettable, and we propose to get it. There are many reasons why this contract should be awarded to us. On Jan. 15 our contract with the city expires. After that time (unless a new contract is awarded to us in the meantime) the company will not be compelled to maintain any standard pressure in the hydrants nor keep a certain gauge of water in the reservoir. The insurance companies, I understand, are already instituting a move to raise the rates. While I don't expect that the company will charge the city any more for water for fire purposes, it would be at perfect liberty to do so, as it will then be independent. Mayor Fuller believes that if the city council felt inclined, it could at any time compel the company to forfeit its new contract, simply by proving that the water was impure. The company binds itself to furnish good, pure and wholesome water, and when one of its members was questioned about Mayor Fuller's idea yesterday, he said: "We intend to make it pure."

The contract is now in the hands of the water committee, and it is expected that at the next meeting some decisive action will be taken. But just as it seems to approach settlement, a new water scheme makes its appearance. The latest scheme is to convey the waters of Prickly Pear creek to the city. Alderman Lissner is an enthusiast on this proposition and wonders why it was not thought of before. He has undertaken an investigation of the source and has concluded that there lies the only chance for the city to own its water supply. Prickly Pear creek is situated about eight miles west of this city, and three miles beyond Silver. It is claimed that this creek contains 1,000 inches of water and recent inspection of the locality by a civil engineer has conclusively shown that the water can be conveyed to Helena by gravity, and Alderman Lissner believes that Prickly Pear with its good water, furnishes a solution of the great water problem. He can be brought here and pipes laid throughout the city at a comparatively small outlay, and he will start a boom for this scheme at the next meeting. Alderman Klein, it is said, owns part of the Prickly Pear water. The Lamp Gulch scheme has evidently fallen in the tureen.

PERSONAL.

L. Collins, of Gloster, is in the city.
 E. W. Kelly, of Great Falls, is in the city.
 C. P. Whaley, of St. Paul, is at the Grand Central.

Angus McQueen, of Butte, arrived in the city yesterday.

C. W. Tingley, of Denver, Col., arrived in town yesterday.

Lee W. Foster, a prominent citizen of Butte, is at the Cosmopolitan.

R. B. and F. B. Turner, of the Revenue

S. S. Harper arrived from Denver yesterday, and is at the Grand Central.

John E. Loyd and A. B. Knight, of Butte, are stopping at the Grand Central.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bogk left via the Union Pacific yesterday for Chicago.

Hon. W. W. Dixon came over from Butte yesterday and is at the Grand Central.

J. A. McGowan and Neptune Lynch, of Horse Plains, are registered at the Merchants.

Hon. Jos. K. Clark and wife and Hon. H. L. Frank went to Butte yesterday to remain until Monday.

Henry Jacklin and bride departed last evening for Brockport, N. Y. via the Northern Pacific.

M. Harris, the rustling dry goods merchant of Great Falls, registered at the Grand Central yesterday.

J. A. Glover, brother of ex-Congressman Glover, of Missouri, is suffering from an attack of typhoid fever.

Wesley Harrington left for Wilmington, Del., last night on a visit to his old home via the Northern Pacific railroad.

J. W. Opp, of Phillipsburg, ex-Sheriff Tom Irvine, of Miles City, and ex-Sheriff Moore, of Granite, are guests of the Cosmopolitan.

B. C. Franklin, for Portage, Mich.; Jno. Bowden and Henry Greenfield, for New York city and thence to Liverpool, left Helena yesterday evening via the Northern Pacific.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Thomas Baker, a well-known citizen of Washington, died yesterday aged 83. He was one of those who drew Lafayette's carriage into Washington from Baltimore in 1829.

Frank H. Converse, the well known story writer for youth's publications, is dead.

Statistics show that Ohio has 3,600 more boys than girls.

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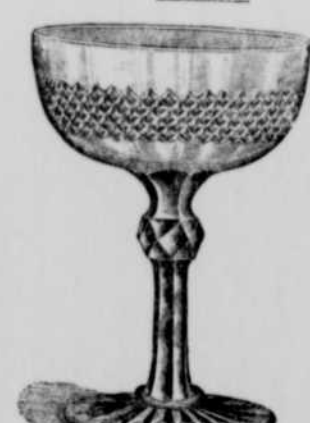
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HELENA, MONTANA.

THE HELENA MARKETS.

Beef Going Up—Mutton and Pork in Good Demand—Hay and Oats Nominal.

The market is well supplied with fine beef, mutton and pork. Range beef is in prime condition and with the present weather their need be no scarcity of juicy steaks and roasts. The price of dressed beef took a jump of 1 cent during the past week and is now selling at 6 cents by the carcass to dealers. There does not seem to be any reason for the rise, unless it is on account of the approaching cold wave and the probable increase in the cost of feeding and handling stock in transit. Mutton is selling at 7 cents at wholesale and the supply of prime mutton is fully equal to the demand. Sheep on the ranges are doing well, and flock masters are fully prepared for the winter, having learned by experience that sheds and hay are a necessary requisite to the proper preservation of their flocks. Pork, 8 cents; oats, \$1.35; hay, \$1.75; \$1.85 for common.

Wool is a Raw Material.

Very little skill, care or industry is required to grow wool, says the American Wool Reporter. It comes for the most part, like the grass in the fields, or the leaves on the trees or any of the other direct gifts of nature. Whatever of science or industry is involved in sheep husbandry pertains mainly to sheep breeding, and not to wool-growing; and in discussing the subject of wool duties we have always insisted upon this very important distinction between two separate branches of agriculture. If either of these is a fit subject for protection, it is sheep breeding and not wool growing, for while the woolgrower recruits and multiplies his flocks from within themselves, he does not improve the race in that way, and calls upon the sheep-breeder for the blooded animals which have been obtained by generations of careful selection of the parent stock. If wool is paying a profit, the grower increases his flocks and calls upon the breeders for the kind of rams and ewes needed to produce the wools best suited to his locality and to the requirements of the general market. If other forms of agriculture are more profitable the farmer or ranchman reduces his flocks. The mutton market offers him a speedy method of diminishing, while nature promotes a rapid increase in sheep when occasion requires. As we have steadily argued for the past two years, therefore, whatever arguments are presented to the effect that the great care and skill necessary in developing improved species of sheep render the term "raw material" a misnomer, certain rather to the sheepbreeder than to the wool-grower. But the American sheep-breeder needs no protective tariff. He already beats the world, and sends the products of his stud flocks to Australia or South America as profitably as to Texas or Montana.

Broke Through the Ice.

PORT HOPKINS, Ont., Dec. 13.—Last evening three children belonging to very respectable families, two sons of Joseph Vallier and a son of R. M. Mitchell, went skating and have not been seen since. They undoubtedly broke through the ice and were drowned.

The London Strikes.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The strike in the gas house of the South Metropolitan company is peaceable. Twelve hundred men engaged to take the strikers' places entered the works under an escort of police.

No Trace of Dillon.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—No trace has yet been found of Dave Dillon, or his boat, in which he was blown out to sea yesterday. Some seafaring men think he may have been picked up by an outgoing vessel.

Claims to be From Montana.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 13.—A few days ago a man named Hunch arrived from Montana. Being unable to support himself he was

sent to the poor house. Considerable excitement was created when it was discovered to-day that he was afflicted with smallpox. Active measures have been taken to prevent a spread of the contagion.

Kilrain's Trial Is On.

PUEBLO, Miss., Dec. 13.—The Kilrain case was called to-day and both sides announced themselves ready for trial. Ten jurors were secured when the court adjourned until to-morrow.

The Stage Robbery Industry.

AUBURN, Cal., Dec. 13.—The Forrest Hill stage was stopped by a masked highwayman near here. He opened the mail bags, but it is not known how much he secured. A posse is in pursuit.

Attention D. of R. L. O. O. F.

A special meeting of Naomi Lodge No. 1 D. of R. will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of completing arrangements for the ball to be held on the 19th inst., and for the transaction of such other business as may seem necessary. D. J. WAIT, Secretary. MARY L. WAIT, N. G.

Ball's Cabinets at \$3 Per Dozen.

Cabinet photos \$3 per dozen at Ball's gallery, Helena avenue, corner Warren, on ear line.

The lances reintroduced lately into the French cavalry are considerably shorter and lighter than those used in this branch of the service under Napoleon I.

John Horn, of Orville, Ohio, is six feet four inches high, weighs 335 pounds, and is 22 years of age.

It is reported that the sheep raisers of eastern Oregon are selling their flocks as fast as they can. About one hundred thousand have already been disposed of.

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Our Dry Goods trade is so large that we haven't time to waste in selling Toys and Dolls. We will leave that for the Toy and Confectionery Stores.

But we are Headquarters for Everything that is usually kept in a First-Class Dry Goods Store, and can show you a great many things that are Nice, Useful, Ornamental and Most Desirable for Christmas Presents.

What would be Nicer or more Highly Appreciated as a Present for your Wife, Mother, Mother-in-Law, or Sweetheart, than a

NICE SILK DRESS?

We have the Largest and Best Assortment of Black and Colored Silks, in all the Newest and Most Desirable Shades and Colors, to select from to be found in the City.

What housewife would not appreciate one of those very handsome Eider Down Comforters which we are selling for \$10 and \$13 each? Or a Pair of those Elegant California Blankets, which we are selling from \$6 to \$20 a Pair?

This is only a quiet hint, or a few sensible thoughts, to those who are trying to make up their minds what to give for presents. We have thousands of articles which are especially adapted for Sensible and Useful Christmas Gifts, which we will be pleased to show you.

We have just opened some rare novelties in Neckwear, Embracing the "Vandyke Collars and Cuffs," Fauntleroy Ruchings, and Ruchings of all kinds—such goods as were never shown in this market before.

We still have a few of those Tricot Cloth Suitings left, which we will continue to sell at 25c per yard. We have no competition in straight, legitimate

DRY GOODS.

Raleigh & Clarke.

N. B.—We have some special favors for the little ones this week in Pictures—Free.

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